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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 30 July 1969

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DD/S called the Director's attention to two reports of coup plotting among the Kurdish elements in Iraq.

The Director asked the DD/I what was meant by "dramatic progress" in the Jordan item in today's CIB. DD/I agreed with the Director's observation that we were trying to convey a lack of progress in bilateral discussions on the Middle East problem.

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[] for D/ONE reported that a draft of the Sino/Soviet Estimate will be available today, and the Director asked that a copy be provided for his review.

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Maury noted receipt of the Pike Report and said that it is being reviewed by the DD/I. He added that they are attempting to obtain the transcript of the related hearings.

Maury reported that he briefed Bob Michaels [] case and that the briefing had gone well.

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Maury reported that the Director's appearance before the full House Armed Services Committee yesterday went well and that we have the transcript, which is being reviewed by []

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Houston related that he has provided the Executive Director with the results of his review and with recommendations on how to handle the transcript of the Director's appearance before the Ervin Subcommittee.

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Bross related that he got in touch with Gardiner Tucker and found that he is reviewing problems related to peripheral reconnaissance in response to Deputy Secretary Packard's letter to 303 Committee members.

25X1 Bross noted that [] appeared before PFIAB's communications panel. He was prepared with detailed comments on the information handling system but had little opportunity for input. DD/I noted that one of the problems is that the panel's competence lies in the technical aspects of the state of the art rather than in an acquaintanceship with the practical problems involved.

DD/S&T briefed on work in support of the verification problem. In response to the Director's question he noted that our immediate requirement is to participate in the preparation of four annexes, one being on how the Soviets test and the others being on collection capabilities. A lengthy discussion followed which doubted the capabilities to prepare Gerard Smith adequately for the upcoming Geneva disarmament talks, given next week's deadline for completion of all necessary back-up papers.

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25X1 The Director asked the DD/S&T and Maury to brief him on the ground the DD/S&T intends to cover in his scheduled briefing tomorrow of the Zablocki Subcommittee.

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L. K. White

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1969

Anatoly Kuznetsov, Liberal Soviet Writer, Is Reported Missing in London

By ALVIN SHUSTER
Special to The New York Times

LONDON, July 29—Anatoly V. Kuznetsov, a liberal Soviet writer recently criticized in Moscow, was reported missing from his hotel in London today. The Soviet Embassy disclosed the disappearance of the author to the Foreign Office, which in turn informed Scotland Yard.

There were no official indications that Mr. Kuznetsov had defected to the West. British officials said that no approach had been made on his behalf

for political asylum and that they knew nothing of his whereabouts.

Mr. Kuznetsov, who is 39 years old, was recently attacked by conservatives in Moscow for giving a negative view of Soviet life in his latest novel, "The Fire." The novel, published in the magazine Yunost, dealt with life in an imaginary metalworks town and depicted the people as demoralized.

Named to Editorial Board

In the latest issue of Yunost, which appeared last week, the

name of Mr. Kuznetsov was added to the board of the magazine, which has a circulation of more than two million and is popular among young people in the Soviet Union. Three liberal writers, Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Viktor S. Rozov and Vasily P. Aksenov, were dropped from the board at that time.

Reports from Moscow tonight suggested that if Mr. Kuznetsov had defected, there could be sharp recriminations

against liberals on the ground they could not be trusted to travel to the West.

Last Seen at 11:15 P.M.

Mr. Kuznetsov, who arrived here Thursday, is believed to have come to write several articles and meet officials of a London publishing company. He is reported to have arrived on the same Soviet airliner that carried Gerald Brooke, the British lecturer released last week after four years in Soviet prisons.

Mr. Kuznetsov checked into the Apollo Hotel, several blocks south of Kensington Gardens in an area of small hotels and rooming houses, but he did not sleep there last night, Hotel workers reported that he was last seen at about 11:15 P.M. when he went out.

His luggage was left in his room, and Mr. Kuznetsov, who speaks no English, apparently left no word with his traveling companion and interpreter, G. Andjaparidze, described as a professor at Moscow University.

Employees at the hotel said Mr. Andjaparidze appeared worried about his colleague and left the hotel this afternoon with a man thought to be from the Soviet Embassy.

Mr. Kuznetsov was also criticized by Soviet conservatives after the publication three years ago of his documentary novel, "Babi Yar," which described the murder of more than 100,000 Jews by the Nazis in a ravine on the outskirts of Kiev, where the author was born.